A Louers neweſt Curranto, or the Lamentation of a young mans folly.
To a pleaſant new tune.

As it fell vpon a day,
in the merry moneth of may:
Sitting in a pleaſant ſhade,
with a gowne of mertle made:
Beaſts did leape and birds did ſing,
trées they grow and plants they ſpring.

Euery bird ſings banniſh mone,
ſaue the Nightingale alone:
She poore bird as all forlorne
leanes her breaſt vnto a thorne:
Where ſhe ſung this mournefull ditty,
that to héere it twas great pitty:

Fie, fie, fie, now can ſhe cry,
te-re-re-re-re-re-by and by:
For to heare her thus complaine.
ſcarſe from teares I could refraine,
For her griefe ſo lively ſhowne,
makes me thinke vpon my owne.

O thought I thou moneſt in vaine,
none takespitty of thy paine:
Senſeleſſe trées they cannot héere thée:
retchles birds they will not chéere thée,
King anoy he is dead,
and all thy friends are clad in lead,

All thy fellow birds do ſing,
careleſſe of thy ſorrowing:
While that fickle fortune ſmiled,
thou and I were both beguiled:
Euery one that flatters thée,
is no friend in miſery,

When that I was prodigall,
bountifull they did me call:
And with ſuch flattering,
pitty but I were a King.
But when fortune chanced to frowne,
then farewell thy high renowne,

Bye is thy friend and friend in deed,
that ſtickes to thee in time of need,
When thou ſorrowſt he will weepe:
when thou wakeſt he will not ſleepe,
Thus with euery greefe in heart,
he with thee will beare a part.

Firſt entiſed by many wiles,
and by fortunes fickle ſmiles:
Oticke it is my chéefeſt ſong,
ſorrow to me doth belong,
Still I waite and moane to ſee,
my hard hap and miſery.

When all my money it was ſpent,
no credit vnto me he lent:
But ſtraight they turnd me out of doore,
to beg my bread among the poore.
Thus fortune firſt on me did ſmile,
and afterwards did me beguile,

Wherefore I wiſh all youthes that ſee,
to take warning heere by mee.
How that they follow Venus traces.
feare leaſt they come to great diſgrace,
For the like Syrens will them intice,
and afterwards will them deſpiſe,

FINIS.

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